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The following documents are foreign language documents:

WO 03/075096;
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The undersigned has been informed that:

WO 2003/0175096 corresponds to US 2005/0231813 (both of which claim priority to to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/360,845 filed March 1, 2002) with the exception that US 2005/0231813 includes additional material in paragraphs 0006-0010, 0012-0019, 0024-0029, 0034, 0068-0087, 0104 and claims 26-75, not found in WO 2003/0175096;

An english translation of WO 2005/019878 is provided herewith;
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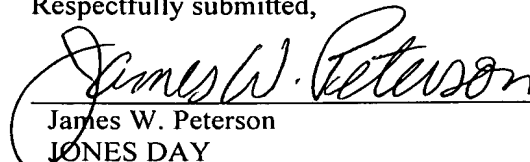
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